HAPPENINGS IN VERMONT

G. D. Lease is quite ill.—Mrs. Marion Griswold is still confined to the house.— Madam Hyde, the Rev. F. B. Hyde's mother, is in feeble health.-Schools will resume sessions Monday.-L. S. was a business visitor in Morrisville Tuesday.—It is expected the Rev. F. B. Hyde will continue services here the ensuing year.—A pleasant meeting will be the secound Tuesday in was held at the home of Mrs. Wilcox Tuesday. The committee for January who served supper were Mrs. Annie Tracy, Mrs. Jennie Heminway and Mrs. Etta Day from Cambridge. The next Etta Day from Cambridge. The next meeting will be the second Suesday in February with Mrs. B. S. Hawley.

RELVIDERE CENTER.

Mrs. Slayton has returned home after cello Potter was at home from his school in Bakersfield over Sunday.—Albert Holbrook and Frank La Fountain spent Sunday in Johnson.-F. E. Tracy is the new fanitor at the school building .- Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wescome were called to North Hyde Park Monday by the serious illness of the former's mother, Mrs. Mitchell Wescome.—Nellie Potter returned home Friday from Bloomfield, where she has visiting.

ORANGE COUNTY

Miss Evelyn Denney is in Burlington this week passing a few days with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Flint.-Mrs. E. W. Horner, who has been ill with the grip, is now able to be up for a part of the day.— Donovan Jones of Essex Junction passed the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Jones.—At the annual meeting of Bethany Guild the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Nellie Emerson; vicepresident, Mrs. Clara Prince; secretary. Mrs. Fraser Metzger; assistant secretary, Mrs. J. B. Adams; treasurer, Mrs. Annie Edson; assistant treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Lamson; executive committee, Mrs. Ellen Lattimer, Mrs. C. H. Granger, Mrs. L. A. Russlow, Mrs. J. W. Bass, and Mrs. A. G. Putnam.-It has been ascertained that the net receipts of the Red Cross ball amounted to \$750, which has been paid over to Red Cross society.--W. E. Rand, who recently resigned as rural carrier on route has secured employment with the Hood Rubber company at Watertown, Mass., and for the present is boarding with his son, William Rand.-Mrs. Florence Bridges was with friends in Montpelier over New Year's .- Mrs. Minnie Tinkham of Stowe was entertained by Mrs. J. C. Alden, at the home of A. J. Curtis, last week .- Miss Nettye Robbins of Bayone, N. J., passed the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Cora Robbins. -Robert B. Harrison of Lebanon, N. H., was a guest at N. C. Buck's Thursday and Friday of last week .- Miss Mary Gaylord has gone to Burlington to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Flint.-Fifteen couples bers of the Ku Klux Klan and their friends, watched the year out at their room. Music and dancing furnished amuse ment for the company .- Returns from M. M. Wilson, in charge of the Red Cross drive for Orange county, report a total gain of 2,100, only 987 was assigned to that county.-The contract for building the dormitory at Randolph have been awarded to E. L. Sault and the heating to J. H. Lamson & Sons, Mr. Sault's con tract, including his commission amounts \$25,543, and J. H. Lamson & Sons to \$7.161. It is expected that the material for this contract will be collected as far as possible delivered at Randolph Center this winter to take advantage of the sleighing. Springfield but no active work can be done till the ness trip. opens. The contract calls for the mpletion of the work August 15, 1918. The advantage of securing the services of value and to this also is added a large vacation here and returned to his work. An unusual family party gathered at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fish on to last very long unless he improves Saturday afternoon, when all the children and grandchildren were present to enjoy the occasion. Just 60 years ago Saturday Mr. Fish of this place and Miss Amelia Pearsons of Rochester were married at the home the bride in the latter place. Following the ceremony they came here to reside in the house in which they have lived all these years. Here Mr. Fish was born 84 years ago, and to this place he brought his bride 60 years ago and this has been their nome during the time. Mrs. Fish is three years younger than Mr. Fish, and buth to-day are re markably well preserved and quite well for their age. Three sons and a daughter are the children of this couple, Ernest Fish of Richmond, Galen Fish of Stockbridge and Ferda Fish of this place, all of whom were present, with their families, to enjoy this remarkable event. The daughter, Mrs. Harry Allen, lives with them in the home and assists them in their declin-Three grandchildren and two children who have been adopted by and Mrs. Allen are also included in the family group. Mr. Fish is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lottie Carpenter of banon, N. H., who was not present nd Mrs. Fish by one sister, Mrs. F. A. Kezer of Rochester, who, with her hus band, was present Saturday. Few if any have passed a happier life than couple, who have won for themselves an enviable place in the com-Earlier in life they were ac tive in church circles and Mrs. Fish Christian Temperance work. Before the union of the Christian Church with the Congregational, and when younger they were earnest workers in this church. Both have a large circle of friends who will extend to them con-gratulations and good wishes for the

Miss Helen Davis is taking a week' vacation from the store of E. A. Thomas and with Miss Evelyn Manney left Satrday afternoon for Waterbury, where they went to pass several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Eldredge.— Mary Adams closed her vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. dams, and left for North Andover, Mass., where she is to resume her teaching for rest of the year.-Miss Blanche Shepard, a teacher in Berlin, N. H., was in town Saturday a guest of her sister, Mrs. Harley Williams.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles dworth and daughters were in town Saturday, coming from West Granville. where they now live.-The officers of th campment were installed here Friday the officer, Mr. Worthen, coming om Montpeller to officiate. A lunch was served at the close of the ceremonies The water commissioner has sent out a ce for all to use great care in the of the water, all water motors being dis-continued till further notice, on account the lack of water .- M. F. Preston, who has been ill with pneumoonia, is better.

Dr. Clinton Joseph Rumrill, whose death occurred at the sanitarium Sun day night, was born in Springfield, January 7, 1871, the son of Edwin Joeph and Susie (Newton) Rumrill. He remained with his parents till their reoval to Royalton when he went to St Johnsbury Academy to prepare for colege, and entered Yale, where he atled the full course. In 1894 he went to Greenland with an expedition under Dr. Cook. In 1895-6 he was for 15 months in Hayti in the West Indies, engaged as assistant in surgical work.

On his return he entered Dartmouth

Medical College, graduating in 1999.

Soon after receiving his degree he located in Randolph and one year later married Miss Marion Emerson to whom was born one daughter, Arene, now a girl of 15 years. During the 17 years he has been in town he has built up an tive extensive practice and established a reputation as a physician and surgeon far above the average. His life was characterized by a spirit of open-hearted good fellowship that won for him a host of friends. To many families in town his death comes as a persona oss, his sympathy and helpful words having cheered many sick rooms and endeared him to a large circle of friends. He was an ardent lover of the rod and gun, and all that pertained to the out-of-doors, and his passing is a distinct loss to the community in which he lived. The funeral will be held at Bethany Church Thursday afternoon at

Rev. Joseph Hamilton, the Rev. S. G. Suitor, and the Rev. Smith of Randolph Center went to Bethel Tuesday to attend a preachers' meeting held at the Methodist Church.—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Tewksbury were summoned to Beverly, Mass., Monday by the death of Mrs. Tewksbury's mother,—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lamson closed their house on South Main street this week and left Monday for Wellesley and Boston, where they expect to remain for a time with Mrs. Lamson's sister, Mrs. Flora French.— Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Kezer and son, Frank Kezer, of Rochester, after passing Sunwith Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fish, have returned to their home.—Mr. and Mrs. Judd of Strafford came Monday night. called by the death of Dr. Rumrill.

Dr. C. J. Rumrill died at the sanitarium Sunday night at 12 o'clock after a serious illness of two weeks. For weeks previous to that he had been in poor health and it seemed best to take the chance of an operation, which he did, the first having been performed something more than two weeks ago. Since ther he had two others, with no relief. Dr Rumrill had an extensive practice and there are many families into which he went as a practitioner who were tenderly attached to him. He had an enviable reputation for efficiency in the medical profession and also was and also was a successful He is survived by his wife, surgeon. who was Marion Emerson, daughter of the late E. F. Emerson, and one daughter,

Arene Rumrill, a girl of 15. Ferda P. Fish and Mrs. Cora. Rice, both of this place, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fish brating that day as their 60th wedding anniversary. The ceremony was per-formed by the Rev. Homer White at 8:30 in the evening. The ceremony was witnessed by the 37 guests and relatives Rice, the bride, gowned in white. The wedding march was played by Wayne Hedges, violinist and Miss Blanche Sparhawk sang the wedding hymn. Following the ceremony and at the conclusion of the program the couple left for Hartford, Conn., for a few weeks. The program given consisted of music by those above mentioned and a selection by Miss Beatrice Pinney. There was also remarks by F. A. Kezer and his son, Frank Kezer, of Rochester, Mrs. A. B. Fish, the bride of 60 years ago, also gave an original poem, which was very enjoyable. Rereshments were served.

Fern Rebekah Lodge will install officers Tuesday evening, January 15, the deputy president, Mrs. Freeman of Warren, being expected to officiate. The regular meeting was held Tuesday evening of this week and the yearly report announced that there had been initiated during the year 22, and that three had been rec on cards, making a total membership of 90, to date. Many additions to the equip-ment have been purchased during the year, and jewels for all the past noble grands bought and presented.—Charles Wood, teacher of music in the schools at Springfield, Vt., is in town on a short busi-

William Moulton of Boston, a Pullmar car conductor, who has been in town for a few days with his mother, Mrs. Ann men located in town must be of great Moulton, who lives on the Highlands, left in a victory Wednesday for his home. His sister, Mrs. experience and good executive ability.— Benjamin Briggs of Hartford, has also lington was a business visitor in Bran-Robert Sault, an instructor in the Law-been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Moul-don Saturday.—Bennett C. Douglass, who rence. Mass., city school, has closed his ton, while visiting Mr. Moulton and left for her home Wednesday.—J. M. Atwood is in a serious condition, and is not able News has been received this week of the death of Mrs. Clark Kidder of Rochester Mrs. Kidder was the sister of the late Mr. Lattimer, whose wife, Mrs. Ellen Lattimer resides in town at the present time.-Ronald Clark, who has formerly worked for Roy Holman, and is now a member of the U. S. navy, is seriously ill here with neumonia, following the mumps. Clark came here for a short leave ence and the next morning was taken ill. developing pneumonia.—G. A. Osha has purchased of B. F. Sargent his house on Vest street, known as the Huntington lace, and has already taken posssession -Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Daniels and daugh-er, Annie May Daniels, left Wednesday for several days in Montpeller and Barre

RANDOLPH CENTER.

H. N. Rice, who has a residence here and who went to Sebago Lake, Me., last fall and took the principalship of the high school there, has been elected professor of science in the Malden, Mass., high school and will take that place Janpary 14.-Mrs. William Jeffreys died Friday of tuberculosis. She was living in ingfield, Mass., with her husband last fall and in October he sent her here to be cared for by his mother. She leaves her husband and two young children. The funeral services were held Sunday and the body put in the receiving vault.-The Congregational and Methodist societies held their morning service together last Sunday, with a sermon by the Methodist pastor. The union will continue presumbly till warmer weather. The pr will be as the pastors agree.-Mr. Thresh er of Williamstown drove for Bert Perry on R. F. D. No. 2 last week, so that the could chop wood .- People saw several carloads of sugar pass along on the allroad for Canada, but none has come here. There is not a pound of sugar for sale in any of the grocery stores in town

ORLEANS COUNTY GREENSBORO.

Reuben Chaffee has bought the Car ter farm of Albert Young and moved here from Lyndonville and taken possession of the farm. Price, \$4,500, farm stock and tools. Mr. Young has moved into the cottage owned by him.-Ephriam Salls has moved into the Mer by him.ser tenement and is griving the cream team for the Caspian Lake creamery.-Mrs. Zora Wheeler, who has been teaching in the red schoolnouse at the head of the lake, has resigned her position as teacher and the directors will open the school as soon as they find some to fill the vacancy.—Stewart Clay Pennsylvania has been engaged to take the place of Mr. Corrigan as principal of the junior high school.-Rodger

Wakefield returned to his school Northfield, Mass., Monday. DERBY.

The Derby branch of the Red Cross v resume its regular meetings this week after the Christmas holidays.—The union services of the three churches, which are to be held alternately in each church during the winter months, took place in the Bap tist Church last Sunday with a good attendance. The church was very warm and all enjoyed the services.—The graded school will not resume its session until next week because of a disabled furnace.

WESTFIELD.

The Congregational Sunday-school re-

organized Sunday by electing the following officers: Superintendent, Mrs. Albro Hunt; assistant superintendent, Miss Laura Burnham; secretary and treasurer and organist, Miss Natalie Bailey; executive committee Mesdames H. O. Miller, W. D. Bell and H. W. Burnham; teachers, Mesdames W. D. Bell, H. W. Burnham, Albro Hunt and Messrs W. G. Masfarlane, H. B. Hitchcock.—It is reported that Lee Miller of the Lyndon Agricultural school has enlisted.—Mr. and Mrs. Guy George went to his home in Mansonville, Can., for week-end. - The village and West Hill schools resumed teaching this week .- During 1917 there were the following statistics: 13 births, 13 deaths, five marriages.

CRAFTSBURY.

Bernice Allen returned Saturday to Underhill, where she is teaching.—The village graded school was not in session Monday, the stove needing repairs.—Etta Smith. after a vacation of one week, returned to Massachusetts Friday.-Several letters and cards of thanks have come from soldiers who had received Christman boxes from the local Red Cross chapter.-Mrs. James Robbins went last week to Gardner, Mass. where she expects to remain several

LOWELL.

The schools re-opened Monday for the mid-winter term.-Mrs. Berthold Wursthorne and son, Roger, of Troy are spending a short time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brahana.-Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Sinclair are the parents of a daughter, born January 3.-Mrs. Covis Toof of North Troy is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sinclair.—Deputy Sheriff C. C. Stannard was in Newport Monday on official busi-

BUTLAND COUNTY

BRANDON.

Henry C. Carpenter died at his home or Carver street Sunday afternoon at two o'clock on the 84th anniversary of his birth. He had been in failing health for several weeks, Mr. Carpenter was a Mason of high standing, a member of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., Farmers' Chapter. No. 9. R. A. M., Farmers' Council. Mount Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar, of Middlebury, and Cairo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Rutland. He was a member of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife, a and three sons. Willis A. of Cleveland, H. Carpenter, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., and larence M. Carpenter of this town.

The senior-junior schools and the graded chools opened Monday morning after two veeks' vacation.—The first union weeks' ervice, to conserve coal, was held in the vestry of the Baptist Church Sunday eveing. The Rev. Mr. Eddy, pastor of the church, conducted the service. The union ervice will be held at the Congregational chapel next Sunday evening.—Carl Hazen. who has been employed at the Spooner drug store for several months, has signed and gone to Rutland, where he has Earl Spooner is working in the drug in his place for a few weeks.-Miss Hazel Hack, who has been spending her Christ mas vacation at the home of her parents returned Saturday to her school in Green field, Mass.—Deputy Sheriff L. F. Nichols is recovering from injuries received from

morning to the Mary Fletcher hospital to undergo an operation. baseketball game Friday evening at the high school gymnasium between the Middlebury Y. M. C. A. and the high school resulted in victory for the Middlebury team, the score being 44 to 13. The game played between the featherweights of this town and the boy scouts of Rutland resulted for the featherweights, the score being 13 to 12.-C. L. Green of Burhas been superintendent of the school here for the past few years, has taken a position in the office of Commissioner of Education M. B. Hillegas at Mont eller and will move there within a short ime.-Scott Hammond went Saturday

Newton Highlands, Mass., where he will

a fall last Friday while at work in his

barn.-David Chandler went Monday

visit relatives for a few days.

The annual meeting of the Brandor Sewerage association was held Monday afternoon in the office of Ormsbee & Wiliams. The following officers were elected President and treasurer, E. J. Ormsbee lirectors, W. D. Nutting, T. W. Ray an G. H. Young.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Thomas' Church was held at the rectory Monday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. T. Weston; vice-president, Mrs. C. A. June; secretary, Miss Susan Talbot; treasurer, Mrs. Clara Brown.-Lake Dunmore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held a well-attended card party at their chapter house on Grove street Tuesday afternoon, the proceeds being for the benefit of the chapter.—The funeral of Henry C. Carpenter, who died Sunday afterno at his home on Carver street, was held at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church yester-day afternoon at three o'clock, the Rev W. T. Weston officiating.-The annual meeting of Brandon fire district, No. 1. was held in the basement of the town hall Monday evening. The following offi-cers were elected: Moderator, F. H. reasurer, James R. Leonard; auditor, George H. Young; member of prodential committee for three years, Elray Woods; chief engineer, B. W. Howland; first assistant, F. E. Kingsley; second assistant, E. H. Button. One hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated for the Dunmor Hose company. A tax of ten cents on the dollar, payable on or before October 0), with four per cent. discount, voted.—The annual meeting of the direcof the First National bank was tors of the First National bank was held Tuesday morning in the banking rooms. The following officers were elected: President, W. H. Wright; vice-president, G. H. Young; cashier, F. W. Briggs; teller, C. M. Baker; directors, W. H. Wright, G. H. Young, W. D. Nutting, F. W. Williams, L. A. Severy, F. E. Chandler and F. W. Briggs of Brandon and G. Frank Hendee of Pittsford and A. G. Jones of Sudbury.—The annual meeting of the Brandon National bank was held in the banking rooms Tuesday morning and the following officers were elected: President, E. J. Ormsbee; vicepresident, D. D: Burditt of Pittsford; cashier, W. F. Scott; assistant cashier, James R. Leonard. The same board of nine directors was elected as year.-Edward K. Johnson, who left here a few weeks ago and enlisted in the aviation corps and went to San Antonio Texas, has been transferred to the avia tion service, field signal corps, 21st squadron, 2nd provo regiment, Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas. He has been

promoted to mess sergeant. The annual meeting of the Congrega-tional society was held Thursday evening in the chapel. The following officers were elected: Moderator, G. H. Young; clerk and treasurer, F. W. Briggs; prudential committee, Dr. W. H. Wright, W. D. Nutting, T. W. Ray, H. A. Collins, A. H. Gipson, Lorn Bugbee, F. H. Farrington G. H. Young; property committee, Dr. W. H. Wright and F. H. Farrington. The annual meeting of the Congregational Churh was held Thursday evening in the The following officers were elected: Moderator, the Rev. Walter Thorpe; clork and treasurer, A. H. Gipson; stand-ing committee, Mrs. C. M. Winslow. Dea-con W. H. Dean, Dr. J. W. Estabrook, and F. B. Sumner. A committee of three

able to purchase new hymn books. The church is in a good financial condition.— Mrs. George Welch is confined to her home by a badly sprained ankle, received by a fall at her home Tuesday evening.— Mrs. John French has returned from the Mary Fletcher hospital with her son, Nel-son, who successfully underwent an oper-

The funeral of Henry C. Carpenter, wh

died at his home on Carver street Sun-day afternoon, was held at St. Thomas day afternoon, was held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. The Rev. W. T. Weston officiated. Members of Mount Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar, attended in a body and their burial service was conducted. St. Paul's Lodge, F. and A. M., attended in a body and acted as an escort to the Knights Templar. The remains will be taken this plar. The remains will be taken this morning to Troy for burial.—There will will be a meeting of Silver Lake Lodge, No. 10, K. of P., this evening in K. of P. hall at 7:30 o'clock.—Miss Merilia French s spending two weeks with Mrs. W. W. Perry at Gardner, Mass.-Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morse have returned to Barre after visiting their parents here for two weeks.—A son was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. William Lamplough of this town at the Mary Fletcher hospital, Burling-ton.—Douglas Chatterton has returned from Boston, where he has been visiting his sister, Elisabeth, and Dr. and Mrs.

BENSON. Mrs. Diana Fish died at her son's home

n Parkhill street Friday night. The immediate cause of her death was heart failure. She was 91 years old and was the widow of the late Elijah Fish, who iled several years ago. She is survived by two sons and two daughters. The funeral was held at her late home Monday, the Rev. James A. Manning officiating. Sugar in two-pound packages is the bes consumers can do at present.—The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Washburn, whose church at Winooski was recently burned, was formerly pastor of the Methodist Church on.-L. D. Belden has a service flag displayed and indicates that he has in the service, who is now in faraway Fort Houston, San Antonia, Texas, count of the sickness of her daughter .leorge Jackson, whose house was burned Thanksgiving day, got into his new house Christmas and had a dance in it New Year's night.-Charles Williamson of Port Chester is here on account of the serious sickness of his brother R J Williamson,-Hiram Norton, who has lived on Bailiss hill the past six months, has moved back into this village.—Judson Belden has returned from New York city, where he had been to see his wife's mother, who is critically ill.—C. N. Jones has peen to Portland, Me., to see his brother, Dr. H. R. Jones, who is in a sanitarium there.—Loren Noble went to Camp Devens Noble. James Noble was a sophomore in Middlebury College when called to the colors,-"Questionnaires" was the subject of the Rev. James A. Manning's address Sunday evening.—W. R. Bush arrived home from St. Louis, Mo., last Friday.— Miss Edna I. Van Avery returned from Mayfield, N. Y., Saturday and commenced the upper grade and out-village school on Monday.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MONTPELIER.

Four loads of nice wood drawn by the city teams from the city wood lot were photographed Saturday forencon. There were six cords on the four teams, which was divided among 16 families, a part of a cord being delivered to each family. When the idea of the city getting into the wood business was originated it was proposed to sell only to those who could not afford the high prices demanded by farmers at the wood yards. Having supplied these tem-porarily it was found that there were many people in the city unable to get fuel as needed and that this was not confined to those short of funds, but to those who have plenty. The result was that times this winter. A total of 138 cords of wood have been drawn to the city from its wood lot, and now the school commissioners want him to furnish them enough wood so they will not need to worry about

The Montpelier & Wells River railroad Tandy, which for years was run between this city and Barre, to the White River Valley rallroad and it will be delivered as soon as the testing takes place. The engine was in good shape when housed two years ago. The service between this city and Barre on the suburban train has outgrown the little engine, which was constructed with a pilot on each end so that the engine train could run either way. It will handle one car well, but when the old owners commenced to draw freight on the suburban it was not large enough, and a

heavier engine was substituted. Edward P. Richardson, many years nember of the Montpeller Military having played the base drum nearly all of that time, died at his home on Liberty street Saturday evening following an illness of about three years. He was about 65 years of age and came to this city during the Civil War, having been emin the Cross & Sons bakery many years, after which he was janitor at the postoffice. He leaves besides his wife, two daughter and one son, Mrs. Legier of E. S. Meigs Friday morning Northfield and Miss Henrietta Richardson nounced that he would close Miller's and Edward, the two latter of this city. The creditors of Cutler . Storer & Fay will receive 8.875 per cent. as the dividend in the bankrupt estate while in those of B. A. Campbell of Waterbury

will receive 12 per cent. Insurance Commissioner J. G. Brown has received the payment of the license tax from a life insurance company in Wisconsin amounting to \$300 for the 1917, from which there was deducted \$5, which had been paid by the company before thi year. It appears that this comthree companies have refused to pay the above sum on the grounds that the State of Vermont could not assess that sum

against each of the companies and a sui is now before L. P. Slack as chancellor. The Wisconsin company when it received a letter from Mr. Brown setting forth the provisions of the laws of this State set-Miss Florence Fiske leaves Friday fo Washington, D. C., where she has an ap-

pointment as stenographer in the ord-nance department of the war depart-John Barlow, who has been night ticket

agent at the local Central Vermont sta-tion, left Tuesday morning for St. Albans to be assigned to other duties, while W C. McEvers, who has been at West Berlin, has been asssigned to Mr. Barlow's place News has been received of the death of Lieut. Ernest Lawrence, son of John Lawrence of East Montpeller, at a military sanitorium in New York State, of pneumonia, on Chrristmas day. He was a graduate of Montpelier high school and Norwich University, having attained the rank of major there. He attended the Plattsburgh training camp

and was commissioned.

Chief Master-at-Arms Charles Mitchell has been getting a number of appli-cations of late as the people come to understand that they may enlist volun-tarily in the navy. William C. Collins of Waterbury. of Waterbury has enlisted in the aviation department. Reginald Davis of Barre, John Dumas of Randolph, Er-rado Mancici of Barre, C. E. Gusheo of was appointed to see if it would be advis. Williamstown, were rejected on physi-

cal disability, while Paul Pitkin of tives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Trottier, of Lebanon, Marshfield is of draft age and will have Houghton have the best wishes of all. N. H.—Miss Pearl Irene Tenney is at to get a certificate from the local board of exemption. Wareham Wilbur of Calais, who made application some weeks ago, went to Burlington Thursday for his examination.

Gov. H. F. Graham has appointed Arthur Bigelow of Brookfield as a justice of the peace in place of Charles H. Biglow, deceased.

Joseph M. Coates, several years a livery

owner in this city, died about four o'cloc Monday morning at Heaton hospits following a little over a week's illness. He was taken ill December 23, but was not seriously il until the midde of last week. Friday morning he was taken to Heaton hospital suffering with thrombus, which developed into a gangreous nature, for the relief of which an operadid not recover, although he railled at Mr. Coates was born in Charlotte February 1, 1865. He lived in that of the State for some years, coming to this city 30 years ago. He had lived here since that time. For many years he was in charge of the Langdon farm. Preceding this he looked after all of the repairs on the Langdon blocks in the city and had worked upon several blocks in town, including the postoffice block, now owned by the Langdon estate, Heaton hospital, the armory, Kellogg Hubbard library, and on the construction of the Corry, Deavitt & Frost dam. Some 22 years ago he married Miss Mary R. Corry of this city and to them two sons, Francis Carlisle and Joseph Clifton, were born, who, with their mother, survive the deceased. He also leaves his aged father, living in Burlington, and one sister, Mrs. Ethel Gabree of Shelburne; and five brothers living in the western part of the State. He was a member of St. Augustine's Church, the Knights of Columbus and a charter member of the Catholic Order of Expression ber of the Catholic Order of Foresters. The funeral will take place this morning at St. Augustine's Church

The Rev. P. J. Long at the Sunday morning service of St. Augustine's Church made the announcement that \$6,000 had been paid on the church debt during 1917 and \$500 contributed to the DeGoesbriand Memorial hospital. He advocated some changes in the heating plant at the parochial school.

William Milo was in Northfield Monday to attend the funeral of Gregory Milo, his father, who died Saturday at the age of 83 years. His children, besides Mr. are: Mrs. Joseph Yatter, Mrs. F. D. Nelson, Mrs. Arthur Bruce of Montpeller and Mrs. Z. LaFrance of Northfield. Robert Pierce, who has been employed

in Boston, has commenced work in the office of the Lane Manufacturing com-Dany. Miss Mary Kerin, who has been book-

keeper in the McCuen store for nine years, has finished work and gone to Burlington, where she will study for the nurses' profession. Miss Frances Kerin who has been cashier, takes her place. News was received Monday of the marriage of Harold Lawless of this city and Miss Catherine Phillips of Ludlow, Mass., which took place Wednesday afternoon at the Episcopal Church in Springfield, Mass. The groom is employed by the Metropolitan Furniture company in Springfield. Capt. Stephen Cushing has returned

rom Washington, where he attended the conference of the chairman of the legal advisors from each State. The subject mostly under consideration was The government believes these are too high, that is to say, the departments connected with the carrying out of the provisions of the select ive draft law, are more expensive than the board expected. The members of the local boards are limited to \$150 a month, and can not draw pay for mor

than seven hours a day.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Corry returned to the South after spending the holidays with Mr. Corry's mother Mrs. M. M. Corry, of Montpelier. Mr. Corry, who was a graduate of the U. V. M. in 1901 was formerly manager and superintendent of construction of the Grand Central terminal improvements in New York city, and has recently been grant-Superintendent Glinney has stepped into ed leave of absence by President Smith, the New York Central railroad at any one in town to patch them along until the request of the war department. He they could get coal or other fuel. With- is now serving in the capacity of suout his action in the matter there would pervising engineer of the United have been cold homes for many people at States navy, his appointment being approved and signed by Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels.

The Protestant church pastors and two laymen of each church in the city Friday morning met in conference with H. J. M. Jones, fuel administrator, relative to fuel conservation, resulting in their has sold the engine known as the Arthur giving out a statement at some length. in which they state they will hold their services in the vestries and are willing to co-operate with the administration by burning wood whenever it is practicable

The funeral of George Carter, who died Friday, took place Sunday afternoon at his late home in this city. He had been ill from tuberculosis. His wife was Katherine Stackpole of this city, who with one daughter, Margaret, his mother, Mrs. Emma Carter, three sisters and two brothers, survive the deceased. He was a member of the Eagles.

Brandon Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. M. Jones of this city, who was operated upon at Heaton hospital recently for a throat trouble is gaint He is in the radio service of the federal government.

Joseph Coates, who was taken to Heaton hospital Friday morning was operated upon as soon as he reached the institution for an abdominal trouble and is as comfortable as can be expected.

E. S. Meigs Friday morning anof which he was the proprietor, on Sun-day night. He has been planning for time to do so and it was announced several weeks ago that he was to close the house, but he only closed the lunch room. His reason for closing is the high cost of everything, the fuel situation, and the lack of business du to the infantile paralysis last summer.

NORTHFIELD.

W. A. Shaw, meteorologist in charge of the local station of the United States weather bureau, reports a mean tem-perature for December of seven degrees which is 20 degrees below the mean tem-perature for December of one year ago and 13 degrees below the normal December temperature. It was also the coldest December in the 31 years that a record has been kept here. The highest was 44 degrees, on Christmas day, and the lowest was 41 degrees below zero on the 30th and 31st, which also broke all December records. The greatest daily range was 45 degrees, on the 28th, and the least daily range was four degrees, on the 20th. The precipitation (rain and melted snow) amounted to 1.84 inches, the normal for the month being 2.71 inches. The snowfal amounted to 25.4 inches, and there were 14.6 inches of snow on the ground at the close of the month. The prevailing wind was from the south, the total movement 5,297 miles, the average hourly veloci miles, and the maximum velocity 31 miles per hour, from the southwest on the 9th. The month was made up of four clear seven partly cloudy and 20 clo udy days. Precipitation in quantity sufficient to measure occurred on seven days. There was a solar halo on the 6th and fog was noted on the 31st.

CABOT.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J Smith was the scene of a happy wed-ding Thursday evening, January 3, when their daughter Mabel K. Smith and E. Carroll Houghton were united in marriage by the Rev. Morton W. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dutel had as g. Hale. The immediate friends and release this week their daughter and son-in

WATERBURY.

Stillman Tubbs, who, it was feared, was seriously injured when a log rolled on him, was much improved Saturday. —Guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Graves New Year's day were Mrs. Graves's relatives from Middlesex, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Daniels and Miss Ruth and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Nichols of Montpeller.—Word has been received by the parents of Charles Cadette of his safe arrival overseas, Herbert P. Canerdy, also who is with hospital unit No. 3, of Philadelphia, is reported as having safely arrived .- V. L. Perkins has been in Gardner on business pertaining t the chair stock industry.—Because the severe cold and sickness among the members the installation of the officers of the Women's Relief Corps at the Center was postponed one week. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ethel Ayers; senior vicepresident, Mrs. Nellie Morse; junior vice-president, Mrs. Henry Stone; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Davis; treasurer, Mrs. Cassie Brown: conductress, Mrs. Carrie Batchelder; guard, Mrs. Lovina Parcher.

Parcher. Stillman Tubbs, employed as a teamster by C. E. Mussy, met with a bad accident Thursday while drawing logs on the Eldredge job by Bolton Falls. In loading logs a large log rolled against him knocked him down and went over him. Mr Tubbs leg was badly hurt and his head was bruised and cut, five stitches being taken by Dr. H. D. Hopkins, who was called for the accident. Friday he was at the home of Patrick Rushlow, where he was taken and his condition was watched with much anxiety, fear being expressed of internal trouble.

This evening the installation of the officers of Emerald Rebekah Lodge, No. thirty-three, will take place at the lodge rooms. Mrs. Mary Freeman of Warren, district deputy president, being the installing officer.—Letters and cards received by Madam Palmer and the family of Edwin F. Palmer from John H. Palmer, "somewhere in France," tell of his continued good health.—The Hypatia meets with Mrs. Robert Perry day afternoon at her home on Randall street.-Miss Lydia Lathrop of the Moody schools, Northfield, Mass., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Helen P. Lathrop.-Interesting letters descriptive of some of his work have been received from George W. Stevens, who enlisted in the navy.

WORCESTER.

The extreme cold weather of the pas veek has caused hardship and loss to many farmers in this vicinity. Cellars have suffered, potatoes frozen, and water pipes put out of commission.— Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Farnsworth are the parents of a daughter, born New Year's day.-Hiram Curtis began work on the Montpeller and Barre electri road on Monday last.—Clarence Harri-son has moved his family to Montpeller.-Byron Cane, who has been at home for a few days, has returned to Burlington.—Ralph White of Springfield, Mass., is visiting relatives in town.—L. M. Hull continues to be ill with slight chance for recovery

SOUTH WOODBURY.

The year's supply of ice for the creamery is being harvested this week.

—Mrs. Mary Benjamin is threatened with catarrhal pneumonia.-No church services were held Sunday on account of the severity of the weather .- Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Haskell were visitors at Walter Eastman's in Calais Sunday .-- Mrs. George Sumner and two sons have been quite ill with colds during the past -The children in the Thompson family are ill with chicken-pox.

MIDDLESEX.

Schools in town reopened for the win ter term Monday.-Mrs. Kelsey of Barre was a recent guest at the brothers' home.-Newhall brothers opened their ice pond Monday and teams ar engaged drawing ice. The Bigelow creamhouse from this pond.—Howard Bruce has moved his family into the upstairs tenement of Mr. Spooner.—The regular Grange meeting was held Monday evening. Three candidates were taken in first and second degrees. January 21 the third and fourth degrees will be worked and officers installed. The gentlemen will furnish the supper.—Guests of Mrs. Pheba Welch on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Templeton of Montpeller and Mrs. Hattle Dix and Mrs. Clara Clark, both of Barre .- Miss Hazel Hills, who has seen employed in Massachusetts for some time, came home for Christmas and will remain for the present with her parents, of 25 Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hills.

WAITSFIELD.

The funeral of Eugene McCarty was held at the Congregational vestry Tues-day afternoon, the Rev. W. A. Remele officiating. Interment was in the village cemetery.—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fiske went Monday to Tennessee for a several months' stay.—Mrs. George Martin went this week to Warren to spend the re-mainder of the winter with her aunt. Mrs. Moore.-George Chutter of Northfield, Mass., was a week-end guest at the home of G. M. Jones.—Clifton Greene is ill with the german measles.—Frank Emerson has moved from Fayston into J. A. Smith's tenement house.-Miss Lulie Jones is having a vacation from her duties at W. E. Jones'. Mrs. Wood is caring for Mrs. Taylor in her absence -W. V. Farr of Burlington was a busi ness visitor in town the past week

MORETOWN.

Miss Jennie Hill, who has been visit-ing her sister, Mrs. Lucias Flint, went to her home in Jericho Friday.-Edward Cutler of Alberta, Can., is visiting his cutier of Alberta, Can., is visiting his son, George.—Wesley Burno was in Northfield Tuesday.—G. G. Sleeper was in Montpeller Tuesday.—Mrs. Roy Russell and little daughter, Lillian, of Montpeller are guests of her sister, Mrs. B. F. Griffith, and other relatives.—Miss Gladys Balentine of Calais commenced her winter term of school in the upper grade Monday, and Ethel Child in the lower grade,-Mrs. B. S. Ward and Mrs. Herbert Ward were in Burlington Tues-day and Wednesday.—Mrs. Addie Sawyer, Mrs. Frank Sawyer, Mrs. Walter Wilcon and Mrs. Clair Ward were in Burlington Wednesday.-Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Burno's little son died Monday of brain fever. The funeral was held at the home Wednesday, with interment in

WINDSOR COUNTY

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.

During the recent bitter cold days it was a pleasing and noticeable sight to see upon the street former Gov. Samuel E. Pingree, now in his 85th year, strolling from place to place without an over-coat. His step was so unhesitating and time and place more suitable for holding just to his liking.—Harry Kinsiey, a Junction House office clerk, was a weekend visitor in Rutland.—To the list of 14 names of members of United Brethren Lodge, F. and A. M., designated on the service flag in the local Masonic rooms and printed in a recent james of the committee to assist him. his mind so serene as to give one the the meetings. and printed in a recent issue of the Free Press, there have been added those Free Press, there have been added those of Lieut. Wilbur Horne and Paul G. Webster, making a total of 16 members of the lodge now in the army. The name of Wilder Coyle was inadvertently omitted from the original list as printed.—
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dutel had as guests to be a this week their daughter and son-in-law.

her home from the Claremont, hospital, where she was a patient, and is gradually regaining her normal health. Rumor is current that the local sales station of the Crew-Levick Oil company will be discontinued at an early date The station gives employment to four men.—Ice cutting by all of the local dealers is in order. The ice is 18 inches thick and of excellent quality.

SOUTH ROYALTON.

The Widler Hill concert for the benefit of the Red Cross was heard by a full house.-The funeral of Miss Gertrude Tuesday by the Rev. E. L. M. Barnes. Interment terment was in the village cemetery.— William J. Steele will have charge of the Epworth League service next Sunday evening. A business meeting will be held at the close of the service.—Mrs. N. I. Hale was called to Allston, Mass., by the death of a cousin Wednesday.— The Sun-day school board held their annual meeting at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage Monday night. With a few minor changes the officers elected were the same as las Vear.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

List of unclaimed letters in the Burlington postoffice for the week ending January 5.1918:

WOMEN'S LIST.

Miss Billie Brown, Mrs. Zad Curfay, Mrs. Helen Cooper, Mrs. W. D. Coleman Karl A. Duprey, Miss Alletharie G. Estey Mrs. Lucille Fatchet, Mrs. P. B. Gates, Miss Maybelle Hathaway, Mrs. May Korhy, Mrs. F. L. Lyons, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Lindsley, Mrs. Joseph Lefebvre, Miss Lucy Laro, Miss Claire Lavoy, Miss C. McIntire, Mrs. Florence McBride, Ruby E. Norris, Miss C. A. Savoy, Miss Anna Turrill, Hazel Taylor, Mrs. Jas. Toole, Mrs. Willard Walker.

MEN'S LIST. Edwin D. Brown, Alexander Booth, Mike Cushing, A. H. Carter, Levis Deleback, Mr. and Mrs. D'Oliver, Earl Douglas, Geo. I. Dowling, Kenneth Haynes, J. Jolas, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Jones, G. M. Morrow, H. M. McFarlin, Harold Niles, John Prince, Chas. Provost (postals), H. Reynolds, W. T. Rowell, C. J. Renney, Clarence Smith, Elliot R. Sharpe, Frank Thorpe, Chas, Tufgar, Wm. S. Whalen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wiseman, N. L. Wood. Packages for: Master Harold Gordon Thomas, Joseph Thompson, Mrs. Howard Olds, Mrs. C. E. H. Parker, Mrs. Julia Rose, Ruth Porter, Jessie Davis, Mrs. Ella Benjamin

To Mrs. Arthur Young, New York city. In Winooski postoffice letter for Hubert

E. W. PECK'S WILL.

Another Phase in the Interminable Legal Tangle.

Katharine Keyes Peck filed a bill of complaint at the county clerk's office yes-terday against E. Stuart Peck, et al., defendants, in which she asks a court of chancery to construe the will of the late Edward W. Peck, so that she may be able to ascertain whether or not the disposition of the income of the deceased is in viola-

In the will of the late Edward W. Peck, who died on June 26, 1906, there were two codicils. A dispute has now arisen between the plaintiff, the heirs and the next of kin over the terms of the will. After the bequeathing of personal household belongings, the residue of the estate was given to the executors in trust to pay the net income to the plaintiff and two nephews, the plaintiff, Katharine Keyes Peck, to receive the income on six-eights of the residue, while the two nephews, Benjamin F. and John H. F. Peck, were to receive each one-eighth. This income was to be paid to them semi-annually during their lives, the income to be divided among the survivors upon the death of any of the three named.

The executors named in the will were Sayles Nichols, late of this city, and Gardner S. Wainright of Middlebury. the plaintiff.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

Last Month the Coldest of Any Decem-

ber for 34 Years. As the people of Burlington had every

reason to believe was the case, the month of December, 1917, was the coldest of any December during the 34 years that continuous official weather record has been kept in this city. Furthermore, the "absolute minimum" for the month in the 34 years, also was found in the temperature degrees below zero which was recorded at the government station on the hill the morning of the 30th. The mean temperature for the month was 12 degrees which is ten degrees below the normal December temperature. The mercury dropped below zero on 13 days and for the last three days it did not get anywhere near up to zero. The highest for the month was 41 degrees, on Christmas day. The greatest daily range was 42 degrees, on the 28th, and the least daily range was four degrees, on the 20th. The precipitation (rain and melted snow) amounted to 1.10 inches, the normal precipitation for the month being 1.69 inches. The prevailing wind was from the south, the total movement 9,491 miles, the average hourly velocity 12.8 miles, and the maximum velocity 48 miles per hour, from the northwest on the 28th. The month was ma up of eight clear, 10 partly cloudy and 13 cloudy days. Precipitation in quantity sufficient to measure occurred on six days The snowfall amounted to 12.4 inches and there were 4.5 inches on the ground at the end of the month. Solar halos were noted on the 13th, 27th and 29th, and fog on the 17th, 18th and 31st.

Taking the year 1917 as a whole, there was an accumulated deficiency of 805 degrees of temperature, or an average of 2.2 degrees per day.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Sigma Phi Fraternity Displays Service Fing with 36 Stars.

Another service flag has been swung out over the door of a fraternity house, the Sigma Phi fraternity being the proud possessors of a large new flag. It contains thirty-six stars, one for each member of this chapter who is now in the service.

"What is Christianity as Interpreted by the Legal World?" was the subject of Judge J. T. Stearns' address before the St. Paul's club Sunday evening at St. Paul's parish house. He brought out the fact in an interesting manner that law and Christianity had grown up from the beginning side by side, and that justice and proper treatment of legal affairs was impossible without Christianity. At the business meeting which followed the address, Gale, '20, was elected to succeed Raymond, '20, as treasurer of the club, the latter having left college. Ellis, M., '20, Gale, '20, and Loomis, '21, were appointed to select a

members of the committee to assist him.

In a general order, dated January 8, the following appointments and promotions in the U. V. M. battallon were an-

nounced by Major Leonhauser: To be major, G. E. Fichot; to be captain of Company C. R. E. Thayer; to be first lieutenant of Company B. P. R. Johnson; to be second lieutenant of Company D,